Recommendations of the Committee set up by DERC

* The performance of M/s TTL meters, wherever installed, should be monitored by the DISCOMs concerned and be replaced wherever any defect is noticed.
* The BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd. (BRPL) should not install any TTL meters until the design defects found in these meters are rectified to the satisfaction of the BRPL. The modified meters should be sample tested by the above Committee before installation.
* Meters of Elymer procured by the erstwhile DVB are also found to be sub-standard. These meters are electro-magnetic type and the DISCOM would consider changing them on priority.
* In cases where the consumers are of the view that their meters are ruuning fast, they may take up such cases with the DISCOMs for testing of their meters in accordance with DERC (Performance Standard-Metering & Billing) Regulations.
* Wherever the consumers find a quantum jump in their consumption (recorded by digital meters), they may report the matter to the DISCOMs. The DISCOM shall replace the meter and billing for the period shall be done in accordance with DERC (Performance Standard-Metering & Billing) Regulation.

New power plant in Orissa

888. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minsiter of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total installed production capacity of electricity in the country and the total requirement and the provision of increasing the efficiency in Tenth Five Year Plan in private sector and public sectors; and

(b) whether any new power plant is proposed to be set up in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The total installed generating capacity as on 30-11-2003 is 1,10,281.42 MW comprising of 64,476.10MW in State Sector, 11,679.82 MW in Private Sector and 34,125.50 MW in Central Sector. The anticipated energy requirement by the end of X Plan is estimated to be 7,19,097 Million Units.

With a view to improve the efficiency of the existing plants, 74 existing Hydro Power Stations and 106 thermal units of the country have been identified for implementation of renovation & modernization, up-rating and life extention during Tenth Five Year Plan.

(b) Four units of Talcher-II (4 × 500 MW) in the Central Sector are envisaged for commissioning during X Plan in Orissa. Out of these 2 units of 500 MW each have already been commissioned. In addition, Balimela-II HEP (150 MW) has been envisaged for commissioning in Orissa in the State Sector.

Invoking sovereign guarantees by foreign investors in the Enron's DPC project

889. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign investors in the Enron's DPC project are trying to invoke sovereign guarantees after some court decisions in the their favour; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Government of India (Ministry of Finance) has issued a counter guarantee to M/s. Dabhol Power Company (DPC). The guarantee is not in favour of individual investor in the Company and no individual investor has filed claims under the counter guarantee. However, DPC have invoked the counter guarantee for an amount of approximately Rs. 1400 crores towards bills that remain allegedly unpaid by the Maharashtra State Electricity Board. The matter is presently sub-judice.

Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme

890. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH : Will the Minsiter of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the incentives given to States by the Central Government under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) to encourage State Electricity Boards to reduce power losses during 2000-01; 2001-02 and 2002-03;